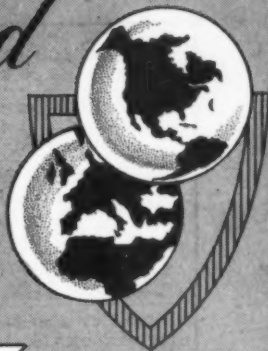


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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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State Convention

September 8-11, 1949

KENTUCKY and ILLINOIS

State Convention

September 13-18, 1949

MISSISSIPPI and ARKANSAS

State Convention

September 22-25, 1949

NOTICES

I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am a member of the Church of God here in Wichita, Kansas, and I am preaching wherever opportunity is given.—Elbert O. Burns, Box 1421, Wichita, Kans.

I am in the evangelistic work full time and open for calls.—Walter C. Mauldin, Lavonia, Ga.

I am now open for revivals.—Jennings B. Powers, 1130 Monroe Street, Sweetwater, Tenn.

R. F. Kirkland is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.—John E. Douglas, State Overseer of Arizona.

COVER PICTURE

Dedication of Indianapolis, Indiana, Church

Services opened Saturday night, April 16, with our state youth director, Waylan Rains, conducting the devotional service. Brother Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer, brought a wonderful sermon on organization. This was a very timely message.

Sunday School was under the direction of Ralph Williams. He brought us a timely message. Following this we had a special dedicatory service with over thirty young children being

dedicated to the Lord. J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief, brought the closing message, which seemed to every soul. Sunday afternoon General Overseer, Brother H. L. C. ser, brought our dedicatory message which gave us greater zeal to the battle harder than ever before.

Special singing was rendered throughout the day by our local quartet and duet, and special soloists. C. C. Rains, our state overseer, brought the evening message, which brought the day to a glorious close. The local pastor, Rev. Paul M. was overjoyed by such a wonderful occasion. The local people have a great work under the leadership of Brother Norris, in erecting this building, valued at over \$20,000. The church is growing almost every day and some day will rank among the top. In a city of 500,000 people thank God for a good church. Brother Henderson, Clerk.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

McWILLIAMS

Mrs. Gertrude McWilliams, a devoted member of the Church of God, Easton, Md., slipped away to meet Jesus Monday afternoon, April 11, 1949. She was a faithful member and loved all who knew her. She had often said, "I want to be faithful to the end." Sunday night, April 3, after having given a wonderful testimony, slumped in her seat and was paralyzed. They took her out, and she was the last she knew, only for a short time. She will be greatly missed by the church.

Her funeral was held here at the church by the writer.—Wm. F. McWilliams, Pastor.

WALKER

Mrs. C. L. Walker, wife of Rev. W. Walker, of Bryson City, N. C., died April 4, after a long illness. She was seventy-seven years, nine months, twenty-six days old. Funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Reverends A. G. Thompson, W. G. Gassoway, and Pope, pastor, White Church of God. Surviving her are her husband, two sons, and two daughters. She was a faithful attendant at the church and Sunday School.—Pearl Walker.



EDITORIALS

TRANSIT MEMBERS

Too many members feel that just because they know their new address is, the pastor and church clerk would know; or, at least not many of them bother to tell their new addresses. In fact, they so suddenly and completely fade out of the picture that if the Lord Jesus knows no more about where they are than their church pastor, they are irrecoverably lost. I venture to say that this thing of missing, or misplaced, or relocated, or lost, or hibernating members is one of the greatest problems with which the pastors and churches are confronted. I know that many times when members move they become so engaged in their work they forget to write their pastor or clerk, but it isn't fair. They should write, I mean you, if your pastor doesn't know where you are. Remember that as long as you are a member of that church you are due it loyalty.

CHURCH AMUSEMENTS Dr. John Hall

The church has no vocation to provide amusements directly. They may be necessities to some people, like French fries or other luxuries, but the church has not been called into existence to provide them. Frequently, the church holds the people while it amuses only; and when it forsakes the operative, theatrical, spectacular, or sociable, it returns to its proper business, the constituents go where they can get the real thing for which end the church imitation prepared them.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH

November, 1917, at the 13th Annual Assembly, at Nashville, Tennessee, a committee was appointed to arrange for definite action with respect to an educational department. The result was the General Overseer, A. J. Robinson, was selected as superintendent of the first school denominated as Bible Training School, and Mrs. I. Chambers, of Illinois, was selected as the first teacher for the school, beginning Jan. 1, 1918, with a student enrollment of six, two men and four women. Rev. J. Ellis was elected as superintendent at the fourth assembly. In 1922, Rev. F. J. Lee was chosen superintendent, and there was a student enrollment of thirty-two. In 1923, Rev. J. Ellis was called on to serve again. In 1924, Rev. T. S. Jones was elected as superintendent. At the close of his three years' superintendency, the enrollment in all departments was ninety. In 1930, Rev. J. H. Walker was elected superintendent. During his tenure of office a music department, high school, and commercial department were conducted. In the first year the enrollment was eighty-seven; the last year, 1934-35, the enrollment was 131 for regular students and 123 in music normal. In 1935, at the 30th Annual Assembly, Rev. Zeno C. Campbell, pastor at Greenville, South Carolina, was elected superintendent. By the term of 1937-1938, the enrollment was 157 students. In 1938, the Church of God purchased the Murphee Collegiate Institute at Sevierville, Tennessee,

with a campus of sixty-three acres and building accommodations for 324 students. In 1945, the Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tennessee, was purchased for \$1,500,000, and in the fall of 1947, our Bible Training School began its first term in this new location and was soon named the Lee College Church of God Bible Training School. Its enrollment at the beginning of 1948-1949 term was 880. Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield is the esteemed president, and the Board of Directors are: C. J. Hindmon, Chairman; Houston R. Morehead, A. V. Beaubé, H. D. Williams, L. H. Aultman.

DEAD LIST

No pastor should authorize his clerk to take any member's name from the regular church membership record and place same on what some have been pleased to call a "dead list," and forget him from that time on, to the extent that he is not listed as a member and is not reported on in the future. Neither should any pastor authorize his clerk to cross off members from the regular church membership record that have not been legally excluded from the church. No one has the authority to give such orders, and members are members until the church has taken legal action in a church conference, properly called and moderated.

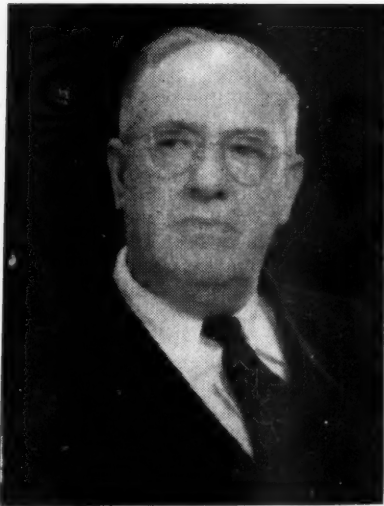
We have enough good government in the Church of God to properly take care of any irregularity that may arise. If you reach the place you feel something must be done, don't take the line of least resistance, but rather go about the job of bringing your membership up-to-date in a sound businesslike manner. If all will do this, none will leave a record of which to be ashamed, and your brother minister will have less headaches when you are gone. Do your work conscientiously and honestly, for you are not laboring for man but for Him before whom all men will stand and give an account of their stewardship here.—John L. Byrd, State Overseer of Mississippi.

THREE PLEASANT VISITS

Recently it was my happy privilege to visit and speak to the Dunlap, Sweetwater, and Alcoa, Tennessee, churches, whose respective pastors are Reverends James Clark, Gilbert Geren, and Howard McGee. There was plenty of evidence that a real spirit of unity existed in each church between the members and pastor and that they are not only working together for their local church, but with their esteemed state overseer, A. V. Beaubé, in the state program. Dunlap and Sweetwater are in two of the most noted valleys in the southeast, respectively, the Sequachua and Sweetwater valleys. Alcoa is a twin city to Maryville and is famous as the home of the Alcoa Aluminum Plant of America, the largest aluminum plant in the world and, if you remember, was number one target on the list for destruction by the eight German spies that were captured in the first part of World War II.

"There are seasons when to be still demands immeasurably higher strength than to act. Composure is often the highest result of power."

The Unashamed Workman



Rev. S. Whitt Denson,
Member, Tennessee Music Editorial
Board and Editorial and
Publications Board

Text: 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We want to notice that the above text is the language of the apostle Paul, exhorting son Timothy and endeavoring to stir up the gift of God which was in him, by admonishing the young minister and co-worker to study the Word.

Now to the subject. First, we want to notice Webster's definition of "art." It is nothing more nor less than skill in performing a rendition of something that was acquired through the sacrificial efforts of many hours, or days, or months, or maybe many years of study and observation. We notice that all great inventions by master-minded men and women came through much study, sacrifice, perseverance, and discouragements. We think of Christopher Columbus, when he sailed the Atlantic Ocean to discover the New World, America. Many

By
S. Whitt Denson

discouragements confronted him, but he plowed through them all and finally reached the soil of this beautiful country that we love so dearly. We think of the first airplane to fly across the English Channel, only from twenty-seven to seventy-five miles' distance; but as years went by, we notice the great mechanically minded men kept working and engineering, and a few decades later we see their devices perfected to the extent that Charles Lindbergh stepped into a plane in New York City, took off, and landed in Paris, France, a distance of about three thousand miles. What a vast improvement! Now they tell us they can circle the globe without landing. All this has come about through sacrifice, as well as experience and perseverance. For instance, take Baron Rothschild, head of the Rothschild family and one of Europe's greatest financiers. He sacrificed in years gone by, but later on became one of the world's richest men; so did the Fords, Rockefellers, Morgans, and many others, all because they studied and attended colleges and economized in many ways to accomplish what they started out to do. Take Albert Einstein, the world's foremost mathematician and originator of the relativity theory. He was once in the first grade in school, but look where this great man was when he died. He was the greatest calculator the world has ever known. Why? Because he studied and acquired knowledge, until he claimed world fame.

Now I want to say right here, if we ever expect to amount to very much for God in this world as a soul winner, or a real servant in the Lord's vineyard, we will have to learn some things in order that we may be able to help others in a greater capacity. Some one is ready to say, "I do not

have to study. The Holy Ghost teach us." "But," Jesus said, Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." St. John 14:26. How in the world can a student learn anything if he fails to give the teacher his attention? Many students do not study when the final examination is around, because they have not read the textbooks sufficiently. They also did not give heed to the teacher in order to qualify for the final examination.

I am wondering, as I write this message, if there are not many who are just drifting along, at sea, in Zion, or at the will of themselves, caring whether they amount to anything for the cause of Christ's kingdom, not thinking of the test which is just out yonder where. Friends, we acquire knowledge in Christ Jesus through sacrifice in various ways, such as study, prayer, supplications, and giving to the church, in addition to our tithing the orphans and widows, and ourselves unspotted from the world. By so doing we become soldiers, Christians, or soldiers for God's army. Anything that amounts to very much requires great sacrificial effort on the part of some individual somewhere, some time. For instance, take music. In the pioneer days of Professor Guido, he had a very crude method of dividing the different intervals of tones on a scale of music. But after years of study and practice, this man established a fixed series, and we have become a world-wide method of establishing the tones of music. The thought is that it took sacrifice and study in order to bring it to my convenience and yours.

Now Jesus sacrificed His life for His Father in glory in order that He might establish a world-wide dispensation through obedience unto death. It took this in order to bring a simple plan of salvation to the world. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," St. John 3:16. This program Jesus carried out at the will of His Father, but it took sacrifice, prayers, and agony to bring a plan by which we can know the truth.

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Bowdon, Ga., Church Under Severe Persecution

By Rev. Fred W. McWhorter, Pastor

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by a huge ditch in front. At consider-
able expense we hired a bulldozer to
fill the ditch and grade the lot, with
scores looking on. The Georgia Power
Company had to bring their heaviest
equipment and erect poles so that we
could have lights. There were poles
on the property of the owners but
they would not allow the company to
cross their land to make the neces-
sary connections for us.

We worshiped in this tent on our
own lot during the worst of the win-
ter, without missing a service. Many
times it was impossible to heat the
tent or keep the rain out. During the
winter we gained seven new members.
We used a borrowed piano, which
automatically disappeared from the
tent, being taken by a person who
withdrew from the Church of God
and was not the owner of the piano.
All this was allowed to pass without
the pastor trying to cause any trouble
for those who took the piano. After
the pastor and congregation an-
nounced plans to build, the town
organized firmly against the church.
Each pastor demanded his members
stay away from our services. (Some
of them came anyway.) The property

owners next to ours have tried every
way possible to get possession of our
lot. The life of the pastor has been
threatened and three times his car
has almost been forced out of the
road by thugs working for the peti-
tioners. We should like to say here
that the church was not presented to
the town in a fanatical way, but in
just as pious a way as could be. The
pastor is a former student of Lee Col-
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operator for the E. I. Dupont de
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after attending Lee College last year.

The church of eighteen members
had blueprints drawn for an \$18,000
building, which would certainly have
enhanced the section that we are in.
On Friday night, May 6, our tent and
everything we had burned. The total
loss was \$1,400. The tent burned in
less than thirty minutes after the
service. According to officials, the
tent was saturated with gas. A prac-
tically new piano, valued at \$600,
burned, with a P. A. system that cost
several hundred dollars. Both of these
were borrowed. The local authorities
would not investigate. Brother Sim-
mons, our state overseer, went before
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Declarations of Independence

GOD'S DECLARATION

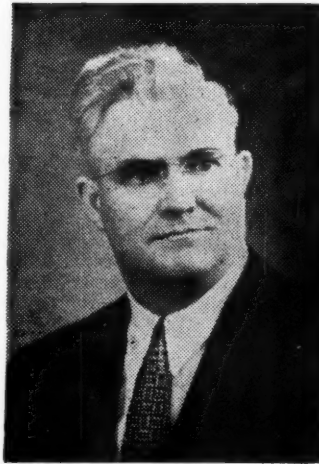
And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.—Gen. 3:15.

These solemn, stern, and sanguine words constitute the first declaration of war ever phrased. Not only was this the first declaration of war, but it was the beginning of a time-long war. Thousands of wars have been fought, of varying natures, between peoples of every nationality, at inestimable cost in human lives, property, and money. Some wars have been fought to the end. Others have ceased for a few years to be revived again. This war between God and the devil, over man, has been a terrific, devastating, tragic, brutal, and unceasing, unrelenting, unyielding struggle.

You will notice God let the devil know that man, the very being he had demoralized, would be commissioned to bring all the power of His divinely anointed foot down upon his head with ultimate success and destruction. Here we have the first prediction of Jesus, who was to be "mediator between men and God"—through His shed blood. This He could only accomplish in the flesh as verily God and verily man. Therefore, the scripture says, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth," John 1:14.

MOSES' DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

When the refugee Moses returned to Egypt with his divine commission to deliver Israel from bondage, he found Pharaoh, first, arrogantly inquisitive as to "who is the Lord that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord neither will I let Israel go." But he soon learned that Moses' God was different to the golden calf, the Nile, or Zoroaster, for when the waters were turned to blood, the land covered with hideous frogs, cattle and men covered with tantalizing lice, and the very atmosphere filled with flies until they were almost daresome to open their mouths, Pharaoh was ready to offer terms. Here is his compromise proposition



J. D. Bright
Editor-in-Chief

number one: "Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land"; to which Moses makes the first of his dramatic declarations: "And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the Lord our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? *We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the Lord our God, as he shall command us.*" Exod. 8:26, 27.

Our pioneer preachers realized their inability to preach and worship God as *saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, divinely healed members in certain churches.* Therefore, about forty years ago they seated up groves, built brush arbors, spread tents, secured school buildings, rented store buildings, and, bidding farewell to unbelieving, holiness-fighting, Holy-Ghost-despising ministers and members of their home churches, they began to preach the blessed doctrines and tenets that form the constitution of the Church of God. There is no need of trying to hoodwink ourselves into believing that those denominations from which many of our charter members and ministers came, are any more in sympathy at this time than they were then, with sanctification as an experience subsequent to the new birth or the baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in other tongues

as the initial evidence, divine the triune Godhead and the millennial second coming of Christ. These churches are a little merant toward us, it is true; but not feel there can be true fellowship where there is disagreement on essential, and indispensable elements such as we have, which disputably set forth in the Moses was wise enough to know their form of worship would be despised by the Egyptians, and the Israelites would also feel constrained and intimidated in their worship. Therefore, to keep from posing on the Egyptians, and same time evade imposition upon them, Moses refused to worship Egypt.

There are 256 denominations in U. S. A.; but to me, my eyes are to all, so far as a definite concern interest as a member and minister, but the Church of God. It is my conviction that if the Church continues to grow, it will be due to the fact that it continues to hold in esteem its *spiritual experiences* of its governments and thereby safeguard its individual identity.

Moses made his second declaration with as much fearlessness as the first. He knew that God was with him. Therefore, why should he be afraid? Pharaoh's proposition that he should lead all the men out of the wilderness to worship God? Who ever heard of a group of men, or a camp meeting without women and children? So, he quickly declared, in no uncertain tones: "We will praise our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will praise the Lord," Exod. 10:9. It's an absolute fact that there are members and ministers of all non-Pentecostal faiths who sympathize with our wives and children for being governed by (they say) the strict rules of the Church of God as well as having to subscribe to the modeled, old-fashioned, fanatical trines and teachings." All of these things, they say, are *unconscionable*. And, believe it or not, but in the word, there are influences under the guise of sound religion that

working to deprive us eventually of the benefit of our sons and daughters Church of God members.

There are many people who, years ago, were loyal members of the Church of God, but now they are backsliders. We have united with other churches, yet say they were happier in the Church of God. They say they are not living their privileges in the Lord Jesus. May the Lord help us, fathers and mothers, especially those of us who are ministers, and have to stay away from our children so much, to determine with our hearts to take our children along with us in full fellowship with the Church of God.

Pharaoh was convinced that he must let the children of Israel go collectively, but he planned to have them return right away, as is obvious set forth in these words: "And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, 'Ye, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you,'" Exod. 10:24. Moses knew that this meant they would have nothing to do with him, or to sacrifice to God, and his indignation was kindled, so he made his last declaration to one of the most heinous types of Satan and the spirit of modern religion, to be found in the words of Writ. Listen, to this declaration: "Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the Lord our God. Our little ones also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for the proof must we take to serve the Lord our God," Exod. 10:25, 26.

Did you know that the devil would rob the Church of God of what it has now in property and money, especially would he delight in stopping, restricting, limiting, and stopping its financial income? We praise be unto God, by far the majority of ministers and members are determined to live up to these scriptures: "Honour the Lord with substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine," Prov. 3:9, 10; "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and ye shall now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall be room enough to receive it," Mal. 3:10; "Render therefore unto

Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's," Matt. 22:21.

JESUS' DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Matthew 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This is the boldest and broadest statement the Lord Jesus ever made. The reason He made this statement was due to the fact that He knew the disciples and apostles of that time would live and die for the Church. Then, too, He saw 52,000,000 men and women, boys and girls between then and now who

He comes, or at least be faithful until death.

SIMON PETER'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Standing before thousands, many of whom had cried out to Pilate to crucify Jesus, Peter declared: "Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words . . . this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." Thus he defended Acts 2:1-4, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Then, for fear some one would think the Church today is eliminated from this blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost, Simon Peter declares to all, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," Acts 2:39. If it took the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 to initiate and set in motion the Church of God, am I not reasonable in saying that it will take the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 and in all of His unhampered activity in and through all of our lives, to guarantee its continued success? Other denominations may have as their goal prestige, higher education, and consolidations for influence on politics and state. All of this may have its place; but no church or denomination should want any of these at the sacrifice of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, as a mighty unit, we, the Church of God, go forward conscious of our constitutional rights, to propagate the doctrines and tenets of the Church of God through the press, from the pulpit, and over broadcasting stations, telephone, telegraph, cablegram and through missionaries at home and abroad. Therefore, as we approach the Fourth of July, with all its immortal sacredness, embodied in the Declaration of Independence, let us feel more keenly the solemnity of its recurrence by the profundity of our inalienable right to the pursuit of peace and happiness in our hearts, homes, communities, church, nation, and wherever Old Glory waves.

HOT OFF THE WIRE

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL
CLEVELAND, TENN.

Great revival in Crisfield, Md.

Town is stirred. People receiving baptism of the Holy Ghost sitting in their seats. The large gospel tent is filled. Hundreds standing outside. Power falling like rain. Services last until after midnight. The end is not yet. Rev. W. C. Evoy and wife singing; the pastor preaching —W. T. Morefield, Pastor.

would be loyal to the Church of God in life and unto martyrdom. Neither do I feel that we were overlooked, for surely He saw those of our present membership of 140,000 that are faithful and are determined to stay separated from the world and infatuation or affiliation with any institution or association that would have an intimidating effect upon our prayer life, testimonies, or ministerial activities and liberties. The Lord Jesus declared that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church, because He knew there would at least be thousands of wholehearted Christians among the millions of religionists and nominal professors of Christianity, who would occupy until



Ralph Williams,
National Youth Director

Results of National Sunday School Drive

Over 500 Sunday Schools entered the National Sunday School Drive; 11,294 homes were visited and given personal invitations to attend Sunday School; 403 were saved, 170 sanctified, and 155 filled with the Holy Ghost; 165 were added to the church. New Sunday School rooms were built and new buses bought to carry students to church. A number of healings were reported, and a new vision of Sunday School work as a whole was received.

Attendance reached an all-time high for the months of March and April, and the majority of the Sunday Schools participating in the drive broke their Sunday School attendance record once, with Dillon, South Carolina, the number one winner, breaking their record each succeeding Sunday. Bristol, Tennessee, winner in the second group, and Lakedale, North Carolina, winner in the third group, also worked strenuously, as well as the other Sunday Schools over the Nation.

Listed on this page you will find all Sunday Schools that won prizes and a number that are receiving honorable mention.

We are rejoicing over the new ones won to the Master's fold and ask you to rejoice with us. Time is short, Jesus is soon coming. You and I see the need for the harvest; so let us resolve to work harder than ever before. May God continue to bless your every endeavor.

GROUP I

Schools With Attendance of
300 or Over

Rev. H. F. Douglas, First Prize Winner
Sunday School Superintendent
C. M. Hatcher

Church Superintendent

1. Dillon, S. C. C. M. Hatcher
2. Cincinnati, O.
3. Alton Park, Tenn.
4. N. Chattanooga, Tenn.
5. Pulaski, Va.
6. Kannapolis, N. C.
7. Alabama City, Ala. Jim Cornutt
8. Erwin, N. C. Alton Avery
9. N. Cleveland, Tenn. J. D. Hyberger

GROUP II

Schools With Attendance of 100 to 299
Rev. C. C. McAfee, First Prize Winner
Sunday School Superintendent
A. L. Waters

Church Superintendent

1. Bristol, Tenn. A. L. Waters
2. Seneca, S. C.
3. E. Gastonia, N. C.
4. Rocky Mount, N. C. R. E. Johnson
5. Rockingham, N. C. Eli Speights
6. Greensboro, N. C. Cecil Ramsey
7. Pelzer, S. C. Charles Watt
8. S. Cleveland, Tenn. Luther Carroll
9. LaFollette, Tenn. J. B. Walton
10. Columbus, Ohio. Losie Vance



H. F. Douglas, Pastor, Dillon, S. C.

GROUP III

Schools With Attendance of 99 or less
Rev. R. A. Tedder, First Prize Winner
Sunday School Superintendent

S. W. Thorne

Church

Superintendent

1. Lakedale, N. C. S. W. Thorne

THE PULASKI DAY SCHOOL



On this Sunday, April 17, we had 506 in Sunday School attendance, a record. During the National Sunday School Drive we had an attendance of 413. We are one of the best in the Nation. Also, we won FIFTH prize in the

third time s
413. We
Group A.-

HONORABLE MENTION



C. C. McAfee, Pastor, Bristol, Tenn.

Bellwood, Ala.
Cullman, Ala.
Empire, Ala.
Enterprise, Ala.
Fort Payne, Ala.
Glory Hill, Ala.
Greenville, Ala.
Highway, Ala.
Jones Chapel, Ala.
Krafton, Ala.
Lanett, Ala.
Mt. Olive, Ala.
Mt. Zion, Ala.
Mulga, Ala.
Murray's Chapel, Ala.
Oakdale, Ala.
Oak Grove, Ala.
Ozark, Ala.
Selma, Ala.
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Vernon, Ala.
Tuscon, Ariz.
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Buttonwillow, Calif.
Hyde Park, Calif.
S. Gage, Calif.
Tulare, Calif.
Consul, Canada
Rolling Hills, Canada
Seaford, Del.
Altha, Fla.
Arcadia, Fla.
Avon Park, Fla.
Ft. Myers, Fla.
Gainesville, Fla.
Hilliard, Fla.
Lake Worth, Fla.
Madison, Fla.
Marianna, Fla.
Marco, Fla.
Naples, Fla.
Olustee, Fla.
Otis, Fla.
Plant City, Fla.
Vero Beach, Fla.
Zellwood, Fla.
Augusta, Ga.
Brunswick, Ga.
Carrollton, Ga.
La Grange, Ga.
Lavonia, Ga.
Lindale, Ga.
Nicholls, Ga.
N. Atlanta, Ga.
Shannon, Ga.
Thomasville, Ga.
Tifton, Ga.
Trenton, Ga.
Valdosta, Ga.
East Alton, Ill.
Jasonville, Ind.
Metamora, Ind.
Newport, Ind.
Richmond, Ind.
W. Indianapolis, Ind.
Humboldt, Kan.
Cawood, Ky.
Clay City, Ky.
Corbin, Ky.
Belfast, Maine
Pittsfield, Maine
Somerville, Maine
S. Orland, Maine
Crisfield, Md.
Iglehart, Md.
N. Woodville, Mich.
Port Huron, Mich.
Wyandotte, Mich.
Coffeerville, Miss.
Murray Hill, Miss.
Bonne Terre, Mo.
Caruthersville, Mo.
Dudley, Mo.
Miss. Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Rougley, Mo.
Bigtimber, Mont.
Missoula, Mont.
Omaha, Neb.
Wilson, N. C.
Addyston, Ohio
Canton, Ohio
Hamilton, Ohio
Jackson, Ohio
Lancaster, Ohio
Magnolia, Ohio
Marietta, Ohio
Mogadore, Ohio
Norwood, Ohio
Toledo, Ohio
Warren, Ohio
W. Hamilton, Ohio
Boswell, Pa.
Johnstown, Pa.
Manns Choice, Pa.
Saxton, Pa.
Andrews, S. C.
Beaufort, S. C.



R. C. Tedder, Pastor, Lakedale, N. C.

2. Hattiesburg, Miss. T. Pat Mims
3. Duluth, Ga.
4. Hamer, S. C. J. W. Hardwick
5. Veedersburg, Ind.
6. Tucumari, N. Mex. Carl Yocum
7. Lewiston, Idaho E. M. Keen
8. Shepherds Fold, La. Avie Keating
9. Jackson, Tenn. Wm. W. Wilson
10. Marianna, Fla.

Cherokee, S. C.
Cherry Hill, S. C.
Clifton, S. C.
Clover, S. C.
Converse, S. C.
Enoree, S. C.
Fair Play, S. C.
Gaffney, S. C.
Great Falls, S. C.
Greenwood, S. C.
Lake City, S. C.
Lando, S. C.
McColl, S. C.
Newry, S. C.
N. Charleston, S. C.
N. Greenville, S. C.
Ninety Six, S. C.
Rock Hill, S. C.
S. Greenwood, S. C.
Salem, S. C.
S. Spartanburg, S. C.
Sumter, S. C.
Switzer, S. C.
Walhalla, S. C.
Westminster, S. C.
Woodruff, S. C.
Black Oak, Tenn.
Blythe Ave., Cleveland, Tenn.
Bridges Chapel, Tenn.
Campaign, Tenn.
Charleston, Tenn.
Daisy, Tenn.
Dayton, Tenn.
Dividing Ridge, Tenn.
Dunlap, Tenn.
E. Nashville, Tenn.
Erwin, Tenn.
Farner, Tenn.
Jellico, Tenn.
Johnson City, Tenn.
Kimberlin Heights, Tenn.
Kinser, Tenn.
Ladds, Tenn.
Lenoir City, Tenn.
Loudon, Tenn.
Maple Hollow, Tenn.
Mount View, Tenn.
Pine Grove, Tenn.
Sale Creek, Tenn.
Signal Mountain, Tenn.
S. Pittsburg, Tenn.
Spring City, Tenn.
Soddy, Tenn.
Townsend, Tenn.
Whitwell, Tenn.
Brownfield, Texas
Paris, Texas
Strawn, Texas
Abingdon, Va.
Marble Hill, Va.
Roanoke, Va.
Ahtamum, Wash.
Odessa, Wash.
Blue Pennant, W. Va.
Cedar Grove, W. Va.
Chattaroy, W. Va.
Christian, W. Va.
Davis, W. Va.
Mossy, W. Va.
Piedmont, W. Va.
Salem, W. Va.
Mosinee, Wis.
Casper, Wyo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



third time since the Assembly to break the Sunday School attendance record of 413. We are proud of our Sunday School here at Pulaski. It is Group A.—Don Lewis, Superintendent; Roy Douglas, Pastor.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

Our Sunday School on a whole was benefited by our efforts, and though the contest has ended, we find no place to stop the good work that has been started.—Earl E. Hensley, Strawn, Texas.

It has helped our school and church immensely to have this national competition, and I hope we can have the same next year.—L. O. Peck, Valdosta, Ga.

We have certainly enjoyed many blessings accompanying this great contest, and I feel it is one of the best things ever to be introduced in interest

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LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Rev. R. C. Cook

This is R. C. Cook, pastor at North Cleveland, Tennessee, and to him and Superintendent J. D. Hyberger goes the credit of having had the largest attendance (1,055) on the last Sunday of the National Sunday School Drive.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

(Continued from page 9)

of the Church of God Sunday Schools.—*W. J. Hodges, Hamer, S. C.*

Our Sunday School was small in attendance, but since we entered the contest our Sunday School looks like a camp meeting. We now have the largest attendance in this community, and God is blessing.—*Ralph Mitchell, Christian, W. Va.*

We feel that our efforts have been justified, and we are, therefore, more encouraged to continue to work, even though the contest is over.—*Mrs. Henry Liles, Hope Mills, N. C.*

Although we are just closing a wonderful national Sunday School campaign, we are still Sunday School minded, and our efforts toward this cause will not stop.—*John D. Smith, Chattanooga, Tenn.*

The contest was a great blessing and has built up our attendance. It has also stirred up the other Sunday Schools all over town, and God is still blessing.—*W. T. Morefield, Crisfield, Md.*

Brother Williams, the drive has been a blessing in every department, and we are not going to stop the drive just because the contest is over, but we are going to work harder for the Sunday School than ever before.—*W. D. Moody, Granite Falls, N. C.*

The results that God gave us have surprised us, and though the National Drive is over, we are going on with the same methods and are looking for greater results.—*Geo. W. Ayers, Cawood, Ky.*

We believe this contest was a blessing to our church and Sunday School, not only in attendance, but also in spiritually.—*J. C. Myera, Tulare, Calif.*

We exceeded all expectation. How God gloriously blessed us! The church

was filled to capacity. If we never realize we have won a prize, we can be happy in knowing that increased attendance and interest in God's work is reward enough.—*Haney L. Wall, Jr., Lake Worth, Fla.*

Our Sunday School has grown by leaps and bounds, and God came down with a shower of blessings on each Sunday. Tears of gladness flowed freely, and brotherly love was felt in our hearts.—*Cordell Ellis, Dividing Ridge, Tenn.*

The enthusiasm was high during the entire contest, and we are well pleased with the results. The National Drive did something for our Sunday School, and we are thankful.—*Lourenna Moreland, Saxton, Pa.*

Personal visits were made to encourage others to attend our Sunday School, and we think it did our church a world of good. Our church was filled on Sunday nights, also, during the contest.—*G. F. Carter, Rocky Mount, N. C.*

Due to increased attendance, our people see the need of providing more room, and I think the campaign will result in some new church buildings.—*J. A. Whitlow, Seneca, S. C.*

I can say that this contest has proved one of the greatest blessings to the church here, than anything has. There have been people seen at our Sunday School that have never attended anywhere before.—*J. D. Hodges, Sedan, N. Mex.*

Brother Williams: The contest has been a great inspiration to the Sunday School here. I feel that we will be a better Sunday School from now on.—*Wm. C. Worstell, Marietta, Ohio.*

The Sunday School Drive surely has been a blessing to our church. We shall be glad if we win, but if we don't

I'm sure lasting good has been accomplished for the church here.—*J. Shumaker, Lanett, Ala.*

The National Drive was very interesting and proved a great blessing many ways to the church and community.—*Morris Wiggins, Arcadia, Fla.*

I feel that I speak the sentiment of the whole Sunday School when I say we have enjoyed working to build up our Sunday School, and I believe the results will last for time and eternity.—*Mrs. R. H. Branan, Yakima, Wa.*

The National Drive surely gave our Sunday School a great boost. We are very glad we could enter this contest.—*Chester Shaver, Rougley, Md.*

I am happy to say the National Drive was a real success here, as our report shows; but the interest did not stop when the contest closed. Our attendance record was broken again the next Sunday, and our people are enthusiastic and still working.—*Combs, Greensboro, N. C.*

Our state really is enthusiastic about the results obtained from the National Sunday School Drive. Our Sunday School records are broken right and left here in Ohio. Some have expressed that they thought it the greatest Sunday School promotional activity the Church has ever had.—*O. W. Polen, Ohio.*

Surely, it was a real pleasure to co-operate with you, as it did so much for our church. I want to express my hearty appreciation to you and your committee for bringing us a work plan that was so workable. Now, we have something from the state committee that will work in and we will use Y.P.E. to bring results like we did in our Sunday School.—*D. G. Phillips, Columbus, Ohio.*

Divinely Healed

Dillon, S. C.—I praise God for healing me of asthma. I suffered for nearly a week. The saints prayed for me at church and our faithful pastor came and prayed for me, and God touched my body.—*Ella Baxley.*

HOMERVILLE, Ga.—The other night my throat was giving me trouble; I placed the *Evangel* on it, and God healed me. He has healed in my home many times, and I praise Him for it.—*Mrs. Sam Cook.*

DONALSONVILLE, Ga.—I praise God for healing my baby when he was sick. My body was in bad condition from a fall, but the Lord healed me, and now I am feeling fine.—*Morris P. Odom.*

AUGUSTA, Ga.—I praise the Lord for healing my baby of double pneumonia a few months ago; also for healing her twice lately of fever, which in a few minutes after she was prayed for.—*Mrs. J. W. Benson.*

Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

CLOSING EXERCISES OF I. P. I., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The International Preparatory Institute of the Church of God, at San Antonio, Texas, recently closed a successful term. It was a great privilege to be able to attend this closing session. Certainly, our hearts were made to exclaim, "Behold what God has wrought!" especially when we saw mission students of nine foreign countries singing in their native tongues and testifying as their faces shone with His presence.

There were ten graduates. The baccalaureate sermon delivered by Brother M. P. Cross, a member of the Mission Board, was inspiring to all. He began his message by reading, "Were there not ten cleansed, but where are the nine?" and climaxed by saying "We trust these ten graduates will be able to depart, and may it not be said of them, 'Were there not ten that went away from I.P.I. with good records, but only one returned to give God the glory.'" It is my profound opinion that these ten, going to their fields of labor in Panama, Utila, Honduras, Cuba, Mexico, Haiti, and other foreign countries will be true representatives of the gospel of Christ Jesus and the Church of God. Their testimonies, while tears streamed down their cheeks, of how they were going to be loyal to the trust placed in them as ambassadors for the great Church of God, and that they would stand by the Church and its government, and would herald this gospel message wherever they went, supports our faith.

The president, Brother Hargrave, and Brother Bridges, the business manager, did a superb job, with the support of a capable faculty and the presence of our blessed Redeemer. The result of their efforts is certainly outstanding in training these boys and girls, men and women.

The Institute has a great future.

We believe the purchasing of the property in San Antonio, for our school, was an act with which the Lord was well pleased, and definite steps are being taken to so utilize this property that we may be able to accommodate sixty or seventy students. These will not all be mission students. The Mission Department will only support a very small per cent of the proposed group, but we do believe there will be enough of the Latin American people that live in Texas, Mexico and otherwise in the United States to make up the rest of the student body. They will be students that will pay tuition, room and board, etc., and we believe the money derived from them will help support students from foreign lands that are unable to pay their own way. The Mission Department is supporting some.

The day is far spent; the night is at hand; the shades and shadows of

the great tribulation are at hand and upon us. The sound of the trumpet is near; the coming of Jesus will soon be realized, as He leaves the mediatorial throne to catch away His waiting people. What we do for God we must do quickly. We must put forth the effort, sacrifice, and go forward with a determined effort to triumph in bringing sinners from the field of superstition and ignorance that have never heard the glorious gospel. The I.P.I. is preparing a group to do that very thing.—Paul Walker, Chairman of the Mission Board.

LAUSTERS REJOICE THAT SEYDA CAME!

"We received the gospel tent a few days ago. It will be a great help to us in spring and summer.

"Best of all is that Brother Seyda has arrived, and we are so happy to have him here with us. He has already been a great blessing in these few days he has been here. We pray that he may abide with us. We get along fine in our work. Brother Seyda can inform you better than I. He can tell you there is Church of God on German soil. We have been doing our best and know that after we have done all we are still unprofitable servants. Glory to the Lord now and forever! Amen!"

You might express your views with less difficulty, but those of us who know Brother Lauster and the sincere—
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This is the picture of the Church of God Sunday School in Marble Hill, Virginia. We are working hard for the Sunday School and the Lord's work. Our school is increasing in a wonderful way. When we came here in September the attendance was running between thirty and forty-five. When this picture was taken we had seventy-one in Sunday School. We are a little country church, but we are still climbing for Jesus.—Mrs. John Branson, Pastor's Wife.

••• REVIVALS •••

BOGALUSA, La.—We are indeed happy to report a wonderful revival here. God surely has blessed. The revival lasted three weeks, with Rev. Willard McCrary doing the preaching. The Holy Ghost was present, in the services from night to night. Fifty-one were saved, thirty-five sanctified, thirty-one baptized with the Holy Ghost, and forty-four added to the church. We thank God for the host of young people who were saved and joined the church. We highly recommend Rev. McCrary for your next revival, knowing he is one of the best evangelists. We would not forget his wife, who also showed a great interest in lost souls at the altar. Rev. Roy Hardy, of Atlanta, Ga., assisted in the revival.

We appreciate our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Fowler, who have worked faithfully since being here. Our membership was more than doubled during the revival.—Mrs. Frank Misita.

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—We praise the Lord for the soul-stirring revival conducted here by Reverend J. C. Baird. The revival continued for four weeks, during which time forty-five were saved, a number sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-two united with the church.

God surely blessed throughout the revival, and the revival spirit is still going.

Pray that God will continue to bless us.—Mrs. Horace J. Parker, P. O. Box 172, Blacksburg, S. C.

ALEXANDER CITY, Ala.—We have just had a great revival, with Brother E. J. Orange and Sister St. John as the evangelists. Brother Orange stayed with us three weeks, and Sister St. John preached the last five nights. God surely blessed. Twenty were saved, fifteen sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen added to the church. We are beginning another revival soon.—W. W. Parker, Pastor.

SPARTA, Tenn.—We have had a three weeks' revival here, with Brother Jake Knight doing the preaching; he certainly was a blessing to our

church. Eighteen were saved, eleven sanctified, and three baptized with the Holy Ghost. At the close of the meeting we had seven new members and eight baptized in water. Communion service and feet washing were observed Sunday night, and how God's power did fill all the house! Brother Knight will be a blessing to anyone's church.—Mrs. Joseph W. West.

GOODWILL, Miss.—We praise God for the glorious revival here with Rev. H. C. Glisson and his wife in charge. The Lord surely did bless. Six prayed through to the Holy Ghost, a goodly number were blessed and the saints were drawn closer to God. The altar was filled with seekers each night. Brother and Sister Glisson both preached the Word of God with power and demonstration. We were privileged to have Brother and Sister Glisson's daughter, Mary Louise, with us for the last week, and we surely enjoyed the beautiful songs played and sang by the trio, also by Sister Mary Louise alone. Our pastor, Rev. A. B. Everette, and his wife, also the laity, helped to make the re-



Meet Miss Irene Wales, who has been a faithful and capable employee of the Publishing House for twenty-two years. She is editor of "Jesus' Little Friends," "Sunny Paths," and the "Primary Teacher's Quarterly," also copy preparer of some of our publications.

vival a success with their united efforts. Any church would do well to obtain Rev. and Mrs. Glisson for revivals. Again we say praise God for this revival.—Daisy Richardson, Reporter.

LAKE WORTH, Fla.—We were privileged to have Brother John L. Stephens and family for a four weeks' revival, beginning January 8 and going through February 5. The church as a whole was greatly blessed and inspired by the wonderful messages and humble spirit of Brother Stephens. Truly his life is an example we would all do well to follow. Sister Stephen's untiring efforts, even though she was ill and weak in body, were indeed a great blessing. The songs of the Stephens family seemed to reach out and touch and inspire every heart. This revival is the best our church has experienced for a number of years. The Lord truly blessed in every service and we could see His love and power manifested in a mighty way. Ten were saved, ten sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and ten added to the church. One of the converts was Brother Joe Culpepper, son of the late Frank Culpepper of Georgia. This made Brother Stephens very happy, as he and Brother Frank were very dear friends for many years.—Margaret Crawford and Vivian Fullwood.

AUSTIN, Ind.—We should like to report a wonderful revival here conducted by Rev. D. C. Rayhill, of Louisville, Ky. The very first night someone was saved, and not a night passed without someone receiving a definite experience. Sixty-four were saved, fifty-six sanctified, fifty-seven filled with the Holy Ghost, forty added to the church, and thirteen baptized in water. Everyone was blessed and there was much shouting and praising God.—Gilbert Howe, Clerk.

MOUNT UNION, Pa.—We praise God for the great revival just held at the Allenport church. Thirty-four were saved, fifteen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirty added to the church. We have more than doubled our membership since the Assembly. There were several healings. Our Sunday School, also, has gone over the top. Rev. Joseph Shirk was our evangelist. Praise God for a man who is not afraid to preach the gospel. We have him engaged for another revival in the fall.—L. M. Justice, Pastor.

Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE
WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent

Montgomery Avenue

Cleveland, Tennessee



Recently, we had the happy privilege of entertaining Brother and Sister Coleman, of the Church of God for the Deaf in Akron, Ohio. Their visit with us was very unusual in that we carried on our conversation by writing. Brother Coleman, who is clerk of the church, has written the following about this visit, and we believe his observation will enlighten those on the field of the work that is being done by our Church.

OUR VISIT TO THE ORPHANAGE

*E. S. Coleman, Clerk
Akron, Ohio, Church of God
for the Deaf*

Our having a week's vacation and folks to visit down in Tennessee, Mrs. Coleman and I decided to go on down to Cleveland and visit Brother and Sister R. C. Cook and make an inspection tour of Headquarters, the Publishing House, Lee College, and the Orphanage.

Upon arrival at Rev. and Mrs. Cook's house, Sister Watts came over and informed us of the Cook's being called to West Virginia by the departure of Mrs. Cook's mother to be with Jesus, so she took us to her house. Later on we visited Headquarters, the Publishing House; we had a nice visit and talk with Brother H. L.

Chesser, the General Overseer, and laid before him the cause of our Church of God for the Deaf in Akron, Ohio, of which we are members.

The Assistant General Overseer, Brother Zeno C. Tharp, and Mrs. Tharp, are real big-hearted folks, and they took us in for the night and fed us well. When we were called to the dinner table, we found that Brother Tharp is a fisher of fish as well as of men. Those were good fish—thanks.

The next morning Brother Wm. F. Dych, Superintendent of the Orphanage, came and took us all through the buildings, and I must say that he is good at showing visitors around, even us folks, and he made it in time, before his mechanical pencil got too hot to handle.

First, we visited the new girls' home, where Sister Golden is head matron; next, we visited the next girls' home, where Sister Riddle is head matron; then, we went to the boys' farm out on South Lee Highway, where there are ninety-three boys. This is a dairy farm, and something like twenty-four cows are

milked here. We were told that they get at least sixty gallons of milk a day, and that it all goes to the children in the Orphanage, which averages better than a quart per day for each child. Here were fifteen pre-school-age boys, and you should see them swarm around Brother Dych as he comes in, as if he were their dad—all happy and full of smiles. We visited the Benton Pike Farm, seven miles out of town, which has 363 acres. There are thirty-two boys there now. This farm has something like thirty head of Hereford beef cattle, as well as a goodly number of hogs, chickens, ducks, etc., which furnish meat. It has a nice place where the boys can fish and swim to their hearts' content. The boys help on the farm. They raise lots of vegetables, which go to the Orphanage; the surplus is canned each year to help take care of the winter's needs.

I have seen other orphanages before, but none so large and modern, with about everything there is to fix the children for future life. They even have the opportunity to go to the big, fine, all-modern Lee College, which we next visited, and I understand that a number of the high-school children are now attending there.

Just before visiting the College, Brother Dych took us back to the second girls' home and had us sit down to a nice dinner with him, Mrs. Dych, and a number of the children. Every one at the Orphanage is well fed and taken real good care of.



New Parsonage, Church of God, Greenwood, S. C.

CHURCH OF GOD IN GREENWOOD ERECTS LOVELY PARSONAGE

The Church of God on Durst Avenue in Greenwood, S. C., has recently completed a new parsonage, built on a site just across the street from the church, on the corner of Durst Avenue and Woodland Street. This building stands among the longleaf pines, on a site consisting of six lots forming a park area, which will be used by the church for recreational facilities.

The parsonage is of wood frame construction, built of number one material throughout, consisting of a living room, dining room, three bedrooms, a hall, kitchen, pastor's study, and bath. Upstairs there is a hall, two storage spaces, and a half bath. There is an 8-x-20-foot screened-in porch, with a concrete floor, and a

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Reports FROM THE FIELD

"May Day" in Benton, Illinois

For the past three years, the first Sunday in May has meant quite a bit to the Church of God in Benton, Illinois. It has been set aside as Building Fund Day, or, as someone said, "May Day," on which occasion pledges made the previous May, on the new building, are paid in. These days started the year before there was a new building and have brought forth the glorious results about which we are writing.

May 1, 1949, to my mind, gave the greatest cause for rejoicing, for when the offering was counted, the present pastor, Brother V. W. Thomas, announced that the total amount still owed on the new building was less than the amount raised last year. He reported that from May, 1948, to May, 1949, there had been \$8,000 raised in offerings and over \$8,000 paid in tithes. My, we had a great day enjoying the blessings of the Lord, the good fellowship of the pastor and church, and listening to the good financial reports. Everybody seemed happy, and had a right to be! The presence of the state overseer, Rev. M. P. Cross, and Sister Cross added much to the service.

Brother Thomas and the Benton people invited the writer to speak at this year's "May Day" service. In our message we recalled that, due to the many discounts on material and a tremendous amount of donated labor amounting to thousands of hours, the building was started on June 25, 1947, and we moved into it the Sunday before Christmas, 1947, six months later, with it half paid for and enough pledges (including earmarked Sunday School offerings) to pay off half the balance. On our leaving Benton to take up the pastorate and building program in Nashville, Tennessee, Brother Thomas came there from Pulaski, Va., and took up the work in a progressive and energetic manner so characteristic of Brother Thomas. He followed up (AND COLLECTED) pledges already made, secured new pledges, instituted new means of raising money, and the church kept rolling on to victory! Praise God! The Church of God doesn't have to depend

on any individual preacher! Happy? Surely, we are. It has been two years, June 25, since the basement was dug and the footing poured, and today the good Benton people are worshipping in a 48x74 foot brick building, with full daylight basement Sunday School rooms, rest rooms, beautiful colored art-glass windows, and many other beautiful features—a building worth \$65,000—and owe less than \$8,000. Brother and Sister Thomas have done a wonderful work in the time they have been at Benton. Sister Brown and I count them among the very finest and most consecrated friends we have in the Church. Space will not permit mention of everyone responsible for making May 1, 1949, a "red letter" day. We left Benton feeling that this day had been everything we had expected it to be, and with a man like Brother Thomas at the helm, and God over all, we are already looking forward to a great report in May, 1950, if Jesus tarries!—Bill Brown, Pastor, E. Nashville, Tenn.

Church Growing

HUNTERSVILLE, N. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing the Church of God here. Fifty-five have been saved, forty-three sanctified, thirty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-three added to the church. We have 148 in Sunday School and 113 in Y.P.E. Brother S. T. Luke is pastor here now, and I know the Lord surely sent him. Pray for our church that it will continue to grow.—Sister R. Ferrell.

Pine Mountain Pentecostal Churches Organize Fellowship

LaFOLLETTE, Tenn.—The Pine Mountain Pentecostal Fellowship was organized at the LaFollette Church of God on Feb. 14, 1949. Rev. H. M. Hunt, pastor of the LaFollette Church of God, was elected president. Rev. Luther Gibson, General Overseer of the Mountain Assembly Church of God, was elected vice president. Eighteen ministers of a number of different Pentecostal churches have already united with the Fellowship. We have had three meetings, with

good attendance at each. A spirit of fellowship has prevailed and the Lord has blessed wonderfully. Brother H. Williams, pastor of the South Cleveland Church of God, brought the messages in the first two meetings. Brother Ottis Ellis, pastor of the Mountain Assembly Church of God, brought the message at the third meeting.

The purpose of the Pentecostal Fellowship is to promote fellowship in the Pine Mountain area and publish Pentecostal magazines in every county and city jail in the area.—Erskine R. Mink, Secretary and Treasurer.

GEORGIA CAMP MEETING AND STATE CONVENTION

Time: August 2-10.

Place: State campground on Highway 23, thirteen miles north of Atlanta.

Entertainment: This is one of the most beautiful campgrounds in the State, with thirty-two cabins, twelve apartments, cafeteria, administration offices, and a large tabernacle seating about 2,500 people. Added to this are lovely camp sites for both trailers and tents. Several rooms and beds are available on or near the campground at reasonable rates. Expectations: The variety of services will appeal to children, youth, and adults. Every service will be filled with good music and singing. The preaching schedule calls for the best of speakers, both in and out of Georgia.

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Convention speaker: Ray Hughes. Entertainment: Write Rev. Joseph Milligan, 304 Tremont Avenue, Greenville, S. C., or phone 53464.

Invitation: A cordial welcome is extended to all. Come, let us worship together.

Management: Rev. H. L. Chesser, General Overseer; Houston R. Morehead, State Overseer.

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His children. So we are in training, practice, for God and His cause. Unless we do a certain amount of training, or practice, we are unfit for performance. The world expects something of a minister, or a church member, or a great artist who advertises that he or she will perform on a certain date, at a certain place. It's too sad, too bad, if the artist has failed to spend time in preparing for that occasion; but if proper study and practice has not been left off, the performer will go over the top with great applause and success. So it is with the Christian who looks to God through storms, trials, sacrifices, and study, as well as endurance, and who keeps holding on to God through storms and dark clouds of temptation; then, soon the bright silver lining in the cloud will appear, and he will be able to praise God in song in the most skillful manner. The world can look on him and say, "He performed well. By so doing he will be able to sing with the Spirit." 1 Cor. 14:15. He will be able to "sing unto the Lord a new song; play skillfully with a loud voice. For the word of the Lord is light; and all his works are done in truth," Psalm 33:3,4. He will be able to sing the song of Moses and the lamb at the end of this world. Rev. 19:3. Just endure hardness as a good soldier for a few more battles. As a good soldier, you must keep holding on; then God will make you able to stand in the face of the devil. Old Sam thought he had Paul and Silas at silence, but the power came down as they sang songs of praise to God, and deliverance came to them as they walked out of jail singing praises to Jehovah. Acts 16:26-31. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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which prompts these expressions and appreciate them most. Friends, his brother waded through death, concentration camps, and prison during the war, working all alone, cut off from all communications with his brethren in America. For years the churches struggled, with their leadership constantly in the valley of the shadow of death, but they were not alone—God was with them. Now when Brother Seyda joins him in the work, no

wonder he writes, "We feel that Brother Seyda is flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone; it is Church of God blood, and it is the sweetest fellowship."

"The people over here send a word of appreciation to the Mission Board and the Church for sending Brother Seyda, and we work shoulder to shoulder, both in the same Spirit. Thanks to you all for what you have done for us and our children. Please take this letter as I feel it in my heart. We want to be true until Jesus comes."

(Signed) Brother and Sister Lauster.

BOWDON, GA., CHURCH UNDER SEVERE PERSECUTION

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Governor Herman Talmadge, and the governor ordered the FBI to the scene to investigate the fire, but nothing has been discovered yet. The whole town seemed to rejoice at the burning of this tent. The pastor, who conducts the "Word of God" broadcast over Radio Station WIBB, Carrollton, Ga., each Saturday at 1:00 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, asked for help over the broadcast, and men came in and built benches, and the revival continued in open air. The pastor and church are still worshipping in the open air. The church is doing its best to get some kind of a building up before winter, for it has proved to be impossible to rent any kind of a building in which to worship. After the burning of the tent, the pastor solicited several of the business firms for help in starting the building. He did not get one dime from any of them. The mayor and council have asked us to sell the lot we now have and leave the city limits. This is not half of the persecution the church has stood under, and the pastor and congregation are still determined to build and use just as little wood as possible in the building. In spite of all this, the church has a great opportunity here, for there is a great interest.

NEW PARSONAGE

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laundry room in the basement.

The downstairs floors are of oak, and the kitchen and bath floors are covered with asphalt tile. The walls and ceilings are plastered. The upstairs floors are of good grade pine, covered with linoleum and the half bath floor is of asphalt tile.

The building and lots are valued at \$13,000. The building was built with day labor and labor donated by members of the church, un-

der the supervision of the pastor, Rev. F. L. Muller. This, with the liberal discount given by the Carolina Builders' Supply Company enabled the church to save more than three thousand dollars in building.

The dedicatory service was held Sunday morning, March 20. Rev. Houston R. Morehead, preached the dedicatory sermon and the pastor, Rev. F. L. Muller, closed the service with the dedicatory prayer.—James Sargent.

"THE ROAD MAP"

The veil is lifted; I now see the way—
John 14:6.

For my home in heaven, I need not pay—1 Peter 1:18.

Jesus took my place; He bore my sin—
—1 Peter 2:24.

The door is now open; I may enter in—
—John 10:7.

The mercy of God is revealed by His grace—Eph. 1:7.

In providing for every poor sinner a place—John 14:2.

And I am included, it is plain to see—
John 3:16.

From the burden of my sin I now am free—Gal. 5:1.

The Spirit of God hath given me light—John 16:14.

I now can see with the spiritual sight—
—Heb. 11:13.

Through all the trials and troubles of earth—Job. 5:7,

That have followed me ever since my birth—Psa. 22:11,

I strove to be free by my human power—Rom. 7:18,

But found no deliverance from hour to hour—Rom. 7:19.

I see now that God hath provided for me—Rom. 5:8,

His gift made complete on Calvary—
John 19:30.

Oh, what deliverance. The curse is dispersed—Rom. 6:22.

My record, before God will not be rehearsed—Heb. 8:12.

Now in the beloved He hath made me complete—Eph. 1:6.

My loved ones in glory I surely will meet—1 Thess. 4:16.

The road map to glory, I am glad I found—John 14:4.

For now I am sure I am heavenward bound—1 John 5:13.

For merits of redemption I cannot lay claim—Titus 3:5,

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